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1. FOLLOWING SUMMARIZES CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN CONGRESSMAN MCCLORY AND KEY CYPRIOTS CITED PARA FIVE REFTEL. AMBASSADOR ACCOMPANIED.

2. UMIT SULEIMAN ONAN (TURKISH CYPRIOT NEGOTIATOR, ACTING PRESIDENT OF TFSC, AND PRESIDENT TFSC HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES). THIS CONVERSATION SHOWED THAT ONAN HAS BEEN QUICK TO LEARN HIS BRIEF FROM DENKTASH. HIS PRESENTATION COULD JUST AS WELL HAVE BEEN MADE BY THE LATTER (CEASE PRESSURE ON TURKEY, STOP EXPECTING QUICK RESULTS, LOOK TOWARD A POST-MAKARIOS ERA IN WHICH CLERIDES WILL BE ABLE TO NEGOTIATE ON BASIS OF NEW REALITY, ETC), EXCEPT FOR MODEST ACKNOWLEDGEMENT THAT AN ONAN-PAPADOPOULOS NEGOTIATION COULD NEVER COMPARE TO ONE BETWEEN CLERIDES AND DENKTASH.

3. PRESIDENT MAKARIOS. MAKARIOS WAS IN FINE FORM, HAVING APPARENTLY COMPLETELY RECOVERED FROM THE BAD COUGH WHICH HAS BOTHERED HIM EVER SINCE A BOUT WITH PNEUMONIA EARLIER IN THE SPRING. PRESIDENT SPOKE OF STEADILY HARDENING OF TURKISH POSITION ON TERRITORY AND HIS CONVICTION THAT TURKS WILL NEVER GIVE ENOUGH TO ENABLE HIM TO SIGN, AND ACCEPTANCE OF PRESENT LAMENTABLE STATUS QUO PREFERABLE TO LEGITIMATION BY
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SIGNATURE. IN ANSWER TO CONGRESSMAN'S QUESTION, HE SAID HE

HAS ACCEPTED A BIZONAL ARRANGEMENT AND THE TURKS KNOW IT. HE TOLD CONGRESSMAN MCCLORY HE COULD TELL HIS GREEK-AMERICAN CONSTITUENTS THAT FROM CONGRESSMAN'S VISIT HERE, INCLUDING HIS CALL ON ARCHBISHOP, IT APPEARS GREEK CYPRIOTS ARE PREPARED TO ACCEPT A BIZONAL SOLUTION.

4. FOREIGN MINISTER CHRISTOPHIDES. CHRISTOPHIDES HAD JUST RETURNED FROM A THREE-WEEK TOUR OF SEVERAL EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF THIS WAS THE STOP IN BELGRADE TO GET YUGOSLAV SUPPORT FOR A STRONG AND NON-ALIGNED POSITION ON CYPRUS IN CONNECTION WITH COLOMBO NAM MEETING AND SUBSEQUENT UNGA. IN THE SAME MEETING, CHRISTOPHIDES TOLD AMBASSADOR HE WOULD SHORTLY BE ASKING HIM TO MEET TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITIES OF A REVISED AND STRENGTHENED MANDATE FOR WALDHEIM IN THE CYPRUS NEGOTIATION.
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